

PLEA FOR CHEERFUL LETTERS TO BOYS IN FRANCE

That cheerful letters, and many of them, are what the boys in France want, and would be extremely proud to get, is indicated in a letter received in Paris by a Paris newspaper man, whose modesty forbids mentioning his name. The letter was written by Captain Clifford Wright, of the 324th Field Artillery, now on active duty in France. Many Bourbon county boys are with this outfit. Capt. Wright endeavors to make it clear that it is the cheerful letters that count—"the more cheerful the better." The letter, with its insistent postscript, follows:

"Battery A., Field Artillery, France. (Place and Date Not Given.)

"Dear Sir: "I have just finished censoring the mail written to-day by the men of this battalion to their friends and relatives in America, and I find that many of them are from your city and county, and that they seem to know you quite well. I wish to quote below, verbatim, an extract from one of these letters:

"Our mail arrived this morning. You don't know how good it makes a fellow feel to get mail when he is four thousand miles from home. The boys are happier and have more spirit this afternoon than I have seen them have since we landed in France. One cheerful letter does a fellow more good than all the sad ones would do that you could write in a year. The more pleasant the better the letter is to the boys over here. I feel real sorry for some of the boys who did not get the letters they had been expecting. The look on their faces would have melted a heart of stone."

"Now, I will leave it to you that nothing is more important for the soldiers overseas than for them to get frequent and cheerful letters from the folks back home. It does not matter what branch of the service they are in, nor what company, regiment, or battalion they are with, just so they are from your town and county, and just so they get good cheerful letters from their old home town once in a while. One of our best military authorities has said that a soldier can get along without food and water, if necessary, but they cannot absolutely dispense with letters from home. It takes away any incipient touch of homesickness, the worst trouble in the world anywhere. Our boys here are doing their duty finely, and America has every right to be proud of them. So get behind them and show them that you are with them and behind them by sending them frequent cheery letters, detailing the happier and cheerful doings and sayings in the old home town. The more cheerful the letters the better, has become an army slogan now.

"I am addressing this letter to you as a newspaper man, in the hope that you will give it publicity in your paper, and in the belief that the people of Paris and Bourbon county will be interested in knowing how welcome their letters will be to the boys over here. I should appreciate your reproducing this letter in the paper with which you are connected, if possible. I honestly believe these boys would be willing and ready to fight the devil's forces themselves after getting cheerful letters from home. Urge this on your people, please! Don't forget to tell them—cheerful letters, and many of them!

"Very Truly Yours, "CLIFFORD WRIGHT, "Captain 324th F. A. N. A., Commanding."

"P. S.—Tell the folks not to worry the boys with doleful or sad tidings—Write cheerfully. "C. W."

GOVERNMENT LOANS TO THE FARMERS.

During the month of June \$8,342,420 was lent to farmers of the United States by the Federal land banks. The Federal land bank at Spokane leads in amount of loans closed, \$1,262,800.

During June 1,196 applications were received asking for \$5,127,011, and 2,516 loans were approved, amounting to \$6,793,527.

On July 1 the total amount of mortgage loans placed since the establishment of the Federal land banks was \$109,517,308, covering 48,297 loans, distributed as follows:

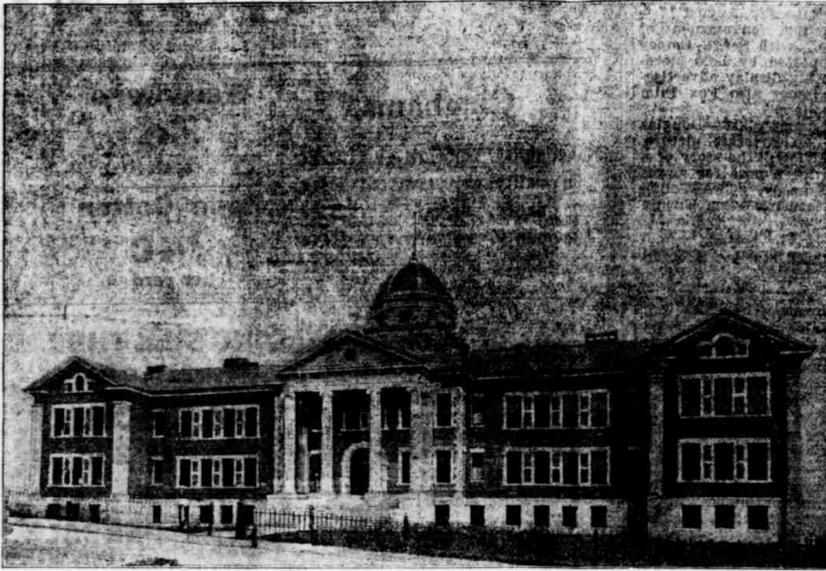
Table with 2 columns: City, Amount. Includes Spokane (\$17,000,555), St. Paul (16,295,000), Omaha (13,264,140), Wichita (12,292,700), Houston (9,807,741), New Orleans (7,646,540), Louisville (6,704,106), Berkeley (6,698,409), St. Louis (7,172,172), Columbia (4,746,513), Baltimore (4,140,500), Springfield (3,851,595).

A BILIOUS ATTACK.

When you have a bilious attack your liver fails to perform its functions. You become constipated. The food you eat ferments in your stomach and causes nausea, vomiting and a terrible headache. Take three of Chamberlain's Tablets. They will tone up your liver, clean out your stomach and you will soon be as well as ever. They only cost a quarter. (adv-aug)

Two Works of Art--City School and New Catalog.

The official catalog and year book for the Paris Public Schools has just been issued from THE NEWS job rooms. The catalog is a complete work, being printed on extra quality of book paper, with the mechanical work a gem of execution, the whole presenting a pleasing typographical appearance. The book is illustrated with half-tone cuts of the High School building in this city, the Girls' Basket Ball team, near-champions of the High School league for the past season, having sustained but one defeat, and that one almost a fluke; the boys' team, and the graduating class of 1918. These illustrations are presented in this issue of THE NEWS as a sample of the quality of illustrating used in preparing the Paris High School catalog for this season. The Paris High School has taken a high stand among the institutions of learning in the State, and under the able guidance of the new Superintendent, Prof. Lee Kirkpatrick, formerly of Nicholasville, aided by a thoroughly competent faculty, it will keep up the standard of excellence and high aims that has brought it to the forefront of schools of this section.



PARIS CITY SCHOOL BUILDING.



GRADUATING CLASS 1918.

FIRST ROW—Jennie Link, Lena Rose, Eleanor Lytle, Thelma Williams, Ruth Liville, Emma Louis Burley. SECOND ROW—Elizabeth Clark, Edna Snapp, Vernita Baldwin, Fannie Heller, Mabel Galloway, Mabel Templin. THIRD ROW—Robert Lavin, Fithian Rye, Wm. Brophy, Charles Kenney.



BOYS' BASKET BALL TEAM

FIRST ROW—M. Clark White (coach), Stanley Rule, John Dundon. SECOND ROW—Rene Clark, Robert Burnett, A. T. Rice, Russell Roberts, Robert Lavin.



GIRLS' BASKET BALL TEAM

FIRST ROW—Eleanor Lytle, Elizabeth Clark, Marian Curry (coach), Emma Louis Burley. SECOND ROW—Valette McClintock, Ruby Elder, Lena Rose, Fannie Heller, Edith Harper.

Advertisement for McCormick Farm Machinery and Supplies. Text includes: 'See Us For All Kinds of FARM MACHINERY and Supplies', 'McCormick Mowing Machines and Corn Binders', 'No better on the market. Have stood the test of years.', 'C. S. BALL GARAGE Cor., Fourth and Pleasant St.'

Advertisement for The Pendleton Shop. Text includes: 'The Pendleton Shop', '135 EAST MAIN ST., OPP. PHOENIX HOTEL LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY', 'We Extend a Cordial Invitation to Visit Our New Store, and Solicit Your Patronage', 'GOWNS SUITS HATS'.

Advertisement for Levy, The Dry Cleaner. Text includes: 'A MAN AND HIS WIFE', 'may both derive satisfaction by having their worn and soiled garments cleaned by us. The cost is nominal, while the pleasure of wearing old clothes that have the appearance of new, in conjunction with the knowledge that you are effecting a great thing, must surely satisfy you. A phone brings us.', 'LEVY, THE DRY CLEANER', 'Cumberland Phone 40 Home Phone 169-2'.

Advertisement for Geo. W. Davis Funeral Director. Text includes: 'GEO. W. DAVIS FUNERAL DIRECTOR Motor Equipment', 'BOTH PHONES—DAY 137; NIGHT 299', 'Corner Fifth and Pleasant Streets, Paris, Ky'.